

## REPORT ON BUGS COUNTY

### Supplement

The following supplement includes statements and observations not included in the main report on Bucks County NUL-UCDS Exploratory Trips of Roy Norris. The reason for omission of them from the main report may be noted as they are read.

1. According to Mr. Peter Auerbach, Executive Secretary, Tranton Council of Social Agencies, at a meeting he addressed recently in Bucks County, Mr. Auerbach happened to mention Negroes. This stimulated a question from an agitated person in the audience: "Are Negroes going to move here?" The answer was to the effect that since they would certainly be seeking work they would be seeking homes also. Mr. Auerbach said that the next day he received an hysterical call from Mr. John Appleyard, Public Relations Director, U. S. Steel Corp. Mr. Appleyard "raised hell" with Mr. Auerbach for misleading local residents in Bucks County about the prospect of Negroes living and working there. Mr. Auerbach quoted Mr. Appleyard as follows: "I doubt if we (U. S. Steel) will hire any (Negroes) at all!" Appleyard was violently resentful of any discussion of Negroes. Mr. Auerbach also states that Bucks County is very anti-Negro.

2. Mr. John Ford, Director, District 7, United Steel Workers, told me that at a meeting of Philadelphia ministers with representatives of Fairless Works, Levitt and Gunnison Homes, the ministers were told that Negroes are not to be considered as possible purchasers of homes in Fairless Village, and that this was probably true of Levitt houses also.

3. Mr. Sid Markey, Executive Secretary of the Health and Welfare Council of Greater Philadelphia told me the story of what happened at the Sunday (December 9) showing of Levitt houses. Mr. Peter Auerbach repeated the same story, but I believe Mr. Auerbach got it directly from Mr. Markey - they had dinner together two nights before I saw Mr. Auerbach.

The story is that one white woman to whom three Levitt houses had been showed, said: "I have a Negro friend who would like to buy one of these houses. Should he apply?" The Levitt agent is said to have frozen, and after several moments said, icily: "Madam, this is an all-white community."

4. In Trenton while conferring with several Negroes I asked to assemble at the home of Mr. Clifford R. Moore (a leading young attorney), Mr. Charles Williams (owner-operator of a floor waxing firm, President of the local N.A.A.C.P., and a board member of the Trenton United Fund) said the National Urban League should make a (nominal) contribution to the Trenton United Fund. The NUL is requesting money from the Fund, and it is the practice there for recipients of allocated funds to make contributions. I thought this odd, and questioned Mr. Williams closely. He admitted that there were several member agencies that were not making such contributions; and, it appears that he was not clear regarding the difference between personal contributions from individual staff members of a member agency and a contribution from the agency budget.

I asked Mr. William R. Jackson about this "practice", when visiting the Carver Center. Mr. Jackson had "never heard of it" but later, recalled that one or two agencies give one or two per cent of their budgets.

My own reaction is that there is no such practice. The importance of passing the point along is that a Negro board member of the Fund wants to feel closer to the League, actually. He was very cooperative and completely open to comment and advice regarding local N.A.A.C.P. activities - which I refrained from giving, as such.

5. In Atlantic City, Mr. Harlan E. Riemo, Executive Director, Community Chest of Atlantic City, stated that the National Urban League may expect an allocation from the Chest by January 20, 1952. The Chest campaign goal (\$199,752) is 80 per cent completed, about \$15,000 is outstanding but "good". Present receipts are already as much as for total of last year.